

COL. HOUSE BACK; NO PEACE TALK

Head of U. S. Mission Says
Three Conferences Ar-
ranged War Unity

U. S. FIGHTING
PLAN APPROVED

One Battle Front Now from
Belgian Coast Through to
Italy, He Explains

New York, Dec. 7.—What the American mission was sent to accomplish in the inter-allied war conference in Paris "has been successfully and satisfactorily done," was the message brought to the American people by Col. E. M. House, head of the mission, who returned to the United States Saturday with four of his colleagues.

The return of the party was void of ostentation. After advising the press of the mission's arrival, Col. House motored to his home, where he later received newspapermen and announced that the mission's reports already had been dispatched by special messenger to the state department at Washington.

These reports, which included that of Col. House, will be supplemented by the colonel's personal report to President Wilson. He said he would go to Washington to-day.

"In England and France the influence of the United States is paramount," said Col. House. "In both countries the morale is splendid—the best I have observed on any of my three trips abroad since the beginning of the war."

You mean the morale of the fighting forces? Col. House was asked. "No, I mean the morale of the men in uniform and the people as a whole," he replied. "Their determination to win without thought of the cost is admirable."

Through the elimination of speech-making and entertainment, both of a public and private nature, Col. House said, the inter-allied war conference accomplished its full purpose at three sittings. At their termination, he said, the supreme war council, an outgrowth of these deliberations, completed its work in four weeks' time—two weeks in Paris.

The prime ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy, and Col. House, together with their military aids, were the only ones participating in the supreme war council. The others who had taken part in the first conference were assigned to membership on various committees and thus everyone had a specific task to accomplish. These committees dealt with food, embargo, finance and other subjects.

"The council brought things to a focus—up to that time there was no co-ordination and things were not going on very well," said the colonel. "Everyone worked well, hard and cordially."

In reply to questions as to what the council decided to do with reference to various military matters, Col. House said the deliberations were concerned primarily with the economic situation. He declared what had been decided upon with reference to this situation would not mean the introduction of any measures "radically different" from those now operative in the United States.

Col. House said he did not discuss war aims while abroad. In his estimation, he declared, one person's opinion was as good as another's as to what Russia might be expected to do. Gathering of data in preparation for the eventual peace conference was purely incidental and entirely aside from the main purpose of the mission.

Asked regarding the progress of Gen. Pershing's work, Col. House said:

"His task is really more difficult than the people know, but he is doing admirably. Our men—our fighting men and those who have been sent abroad on other missions since our entry into the war—have made a highly favorable impression."

American representation at any further councils of an inter-allied nature was entirely a matter for President Wilson's decision, Col. House stated, and he knew nothing of the president's intentions respecting the return of himself or other delegates to such conferences.

SPRECKLES IS SORE.
HOOVER REPORTS
Says Sugar Man is Hurt Because His Personal Profits are Hit.

Washington, Dec. 17.—While Claus A. Spreckles, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company of Philadelphia, continued Saturday to tell the Senate committee on manufactures that the high price for Cuban raw sugar fixed by Food Administrator Hoover enabled refiners to accumulate huge profits at a time when the public is suffering a shortage, Mr. Hoover retorted that Mr. Spreckles was "sore" at the food administration and was fighting to destroy it because his personal profits had been curtailed and the possibility of 30-cent sugar eliminated.

Mr. Hoover promised to go before the Senate committee in due time and reply to the charge that the food administration and its international sugar committee, termed an adjunct of that "sugar trust," were responsible for the present sugar shortage.

The charge by Mr. Spreckles that sugar was permitted to go to Canada brought the retort that Mr. Hoover had yet to meet an American citizen who "would have had it otherwise" and he said that despite allotments to Canada and other foreign shipments, the American people had been provided with twice the ration adopted in France.

Admitting that some refiners and producers may have desired to use the food administration to settle long standing bitterness, Mr. Hoover asserted that there had been no such opportunity afforded and that the best interests of the nation and its allies alone had been served.

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IN SOUTHERN CAMP.

George E. Parker, Formerly of Barre, Writes About It.

George E. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Parker, writes from Camp Hancock, Ga., where he is stationed with the base hospital, the letter being addressed to the Middlebury college campus and is as follows:

To The Campus:
Just a few lines at this time may give you an idea of what is going on around one of the large southern camps and at the same time be just a few words from a former Midd student.

Our unit was organized last June in Hartford, Conn., being made up of college men and organized as United States field hospital No. 3. We were sent to Fort Ethan Allen, where we received our first training and equipment. On October 1 we were transferred to a base hospital unit and sent here to Camp Hancock just outside of Augusta, Georgia. The camp consists of two parts: the camp proper and the base hospital. There are about forty thousand men stationed at the camp, most of whom were the Pennsylvania national guardsmen.

The base hospital consists of fifty-eight buildings and can accommodate about a thousand patients. It is one of the largest and best equipped hospitals of its kind in the South.

Camp Hancock is one of the best tented encampments in the country. The site is splendid, upon a sandy hill, the climate is excellent. The days are warm, followed by cold nights and the local conditions are very good. It is evident that the committee on training camps has thought of everything and planned for everything. Some of the features are not yet in effect but enough is in operation to prove that every man in camp will be reached by influences which make for the type of manhood a democracy demands.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a wonderful work here and if the people "back home" could realize what they are doing there could be no difficulty in raising the \$25,000,000 of the Y. M. C. A. buildings, of which there are five or six here, are about 40x20, with many conveniences for our comfort and pleasure. At one end is constructed a long counter, behind which the secretaries pass out stationery, pens, etc., gratis, and they are kept on the jump from 7 in the morning until 10 at night. At the other end of the building is a stage with dressing rooms on either side. Here are held all kinds of entertainments and moving pictures. Something is going on every single night and the buildings are always crowded.

Over a thousand men are studying French under teachers who are instructed by a professor of modern languages from Pennsylvania State university, and classes in higher mathematics are being held for the engineers. At the base hospital there are lectures on first aid; ward management, minor surgery and operating room work. As I am detailed as surgeon's assistant in the operating room, I am most interested in the lectures on that subject.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a number of things which will in time be taken over by the Federal commission. Over 4,000 books are being circulated from the Y. M. C. A. libraries. Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Mikado" was presented by a full professional cast and made a week's stand at the camp not long ago, while several good things have been billed for the near future.

Not long ago a thrift campaign was started which resulted in \$35,000 being sent home by the boys in a single week. This was done by the Y. M. C. A. which sells express money orders.

It is impossible for a man to go to the dogs in Camp Hancock unless he does so deliberately and by violently breaking out of his environment.

George E. Parker, 1913.

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VERMONT PAIR ARE CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

Arrested in Springfield for Alleged Hold-Ups in Worcester, Mass.—Woman is from Montpelier.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 17.—Inspectors James Burke and Romanzo Thayer of the local police went to Springfield Saturday night and brought back John C. Hunt, 26, and Miss Edith Trudeau, 26, of Burlington and Montpelier, Vt., respectively, who, the police allege, attempted a robbery in broad daylight here Thursday.

The police say the couple approached Thomas Boland, a teller in the Bay State Savings bank, 476 Main street, demanding \$100. Hunt is alleged to have pointed a revolver at the teller, who drummed with his fingers on a window and attracted the attention of Patrolman John Northbridge. Seeing the act, the two made away.

The man and woman, the police say, admit that they attempted the robbery. In Hunt's traveling bag was a loaded revolver. The police suspect he was involved in the snatching of a diamond ring valued at \$75 from a jewelry store on Monday.

The couple is said to have lived for a week prior to Thursday as Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Prentiss at 86 Pleasant street.

WARMER UNTIL THURSDAY.

Milder Weather Indicated for Next Several Days.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Predictions for the week issued by the weather bureau are: Fair, rising temperature until about Thursday; snow or rain, followed by fair and colder Friday and Saturday.

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Read the People's National bank advertisement on page 4.—adv.

You will enjoy the suffragette at the Episcopal church, Websterville, to-morrow night.—adv.

GRANITEVILLE.

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TO CONSERVE COAL

The Bellows Falls Churches Act to Save Fuel.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 17.—Most Bellows Falls churches yesterday decided upon action looking toward conservation of coal. The Methodist and Baptist churches decided to use their auditoriums only Sunday morning and other services of the week to be held in small parlor rooms heated by wood stoves. The Congregational church decided to close their large parish and Sunday school building, using the auditorium and parlors for all purposes, not keeping them heated through the week as heretofore. The Episcopalians will close their church and hold all services in the parish house. The Universalists are not fully decided, but will do as well as any of the others. The saving of coal by all will amount to important figures.

His Gift

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